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June 1, 2004

Tom Craig
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 Longview Fibre Company
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January 28, 2004 Discharge Violation for Copper

Dear Mr Craig:

I have received your corrective action report regarding the January 28, 2004 copper violation at the Longview Fibre Company facility.

Your investigation revealed that the press filters needing to be replaced caused the discharge violation. The corrective actions described in your letter include changing the treatment system's press filters and implementing a new schedule for replacing the filters.

Thank you for researching this discharge violation and implementing timely corrective actions. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 206-263-3012.

Sincerely,

Arnaud Girard
 Investigator
 Industrial Waste Program

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May 24, 2004

Mr. Arnaud Girard
Department of Natural Resources
Wastewater Treatment Division
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RE: Recent Sampling Results

Dear Mr. Girard:

We had some confusion on our part as to when and how to take the samples. Jim Mantell, who was in charge of this process, took a sudden retirement with 5 day's notice. The person now in charge of the sampling process thought he was taking the samples properly. We had, however, intended to take composite samples as you have suggested but this was not done.

We will take composite samples as your recent e-mail suggests. As to the result of 'over the authorization limit', we also misunderstood and thought the samples would all be averaged out, hence we would have been under 3.0. We found that after the results came back with a higher than normal result for copper (2/18/04 tests), our filters for the press of the treatment system needed to be changed out. In fact, within 2 weeks after this test, we did change out the filters. In checking with our supplier of this equipment and chemicals that are used, we should set up a schedule to change the filters out on a yearly basis. We have set up a work order (that will generate every 10 months as a reminder) to change out the filters on a regular basis.

We are confident that we will always be in compliance in our testing in the future and will make sure the filters are changed as indicated as well as further training with our operators to understand what to look for in this area as time goes by.

Sincerely,

Tom Craig
Plant Manager
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Subject: [Fwd: Quarter 1 2004 SM report]

Date: Wed, 19 May 2004 07:30:56 -0700

From: "Craig, Thomas D" <tdcraig@longfibre.com> **Internal**

To: "Anderson Michael j" <mjanderson@longfibre.com>

Lets discuss.

Subject: Quarter 1 2004 SM report

Date: Thu, 13 May 2004 08:00:31 -0700

From: "Girard, Arnaud" <Arnaud.Girard@METROKC.GOV>

To: "'Tom Craig, Longview Fibre'" <tdcraig@longfibre.com>

Tom,

I received your Quarter 1 2004 self-monitoring report. For the 2/18/04 sample you collected 2 grab copper samples of the discharge. To save \$\$ in the future you can combine the grab samples collected during the duration of the discharge into one composite sample; this way you only have to send 1 sample to the lab for analysis.

Your Discharge Authorization requires that you collect composite samples. While each individual grab sample was in compliance with the copper grab discharge limit, the average of the 2 grab sample results is 3.05 mg/L, which is greater than 3.0 mg/L, the permitted discharge limit for a composite sample.

Please review your treatment system operational procedures, provide a reason for the discharge violation and describe any corrective actions taken to prevent recurrence.

Thank you

Arnaud Girard

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